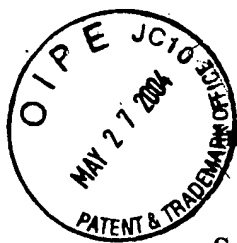


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For: Ultrasonic Sensor For Detecting the Dispensing of a Product

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47

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Sir:

The above-identified U.S. patent application was filed on October 6, 2003 without a signed Declaration. A Notice of File Missing Parts was mailed by the USPTO on December 29, 2003. As a response to the Notice of Missing Parts, enclosed herewith is a Declaration which has been executed by two of the three inventors. The remaining inventor will not sign and therefore it is respectfully requested that the enclosed Declaration be accepted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) through this petition. The fee set forth in §1.17(h) is enclosed herewith. In addition, the last known address for the non-signing inventor is presented on the enclosed Declaration.

Also enclosed herewith is a Declaration by a corporate attorney for the assignee who sent a copy of the application papers to the non-signing inventor for signature and who received an express written refusal to execute the Declaration.

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Finally, also submitted herewith is a Petition for the extensions of time needed in an attempt to obtain all the signatures for this Declaration, along with the required extension of time fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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